



Virtual Special Meeting Mansfield, CT

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

Members Present: P. Aho, B. Chandy, C. Cotton (6:21 pm) R. Hall, D. Plante,

K. Rawn, V. Ward

Members Absent: S. Accorsi, L. Cooley,

Alternates Present: J. DeVivo (6:20 pm), K. Fratoni

**Staff Present:** L. Painter, Director of Planning and Development; J.

Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent; J.

Woodmansee, Planning Specialist

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Aho called the September 30, 2020 special meeting of the Inland Wetlands Agency to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present are Aho, Chandy, Hall, Plante, Rawn and Ward, and alternate Fratoni. Fratoni is seated for absent member Accorsi.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rawn MOVED, Ward seconded, to approve the September 21, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0--0).

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Application of Clear Mountain Capital to Change the Town's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map on four parcels located at 497 Middle Turnpike and Cedar Swamp Road (Assessor's Parcel IDs 8.14.14-2, 8.14.14-3, 8.14.14-4, and 8.14.19) (File# W1613)

Aho presented how to access the meeting and the guidelines for participating the hearing.

Aho opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Members present are Aho, Chandy, Hall, Plante, Rawn and Ward, and alternate Fratoni. Fratoni is seated for absent members.

- J. Kaufman noted her staff memo dated 9/17/2020 and the Conservation Commission meeting minutes dated 8/18/2020.
- J. McManus Certified Professional Soil Scientist of JMM Wetland Consulting Services, LLC. is present representing the applicant. He noted his wetlands delineation was completed 2018 and 2019. He and the IWA's technical consultant, Chris Allan, Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Soil Scientist from LandTech visited the site on two occasions (August 27 and September 14). Both were in agreement with the majority of the delineation with one

exception—a farm crossing to the east of the cell tower through the wetlands. During the September 14, 2020 site visit, further soil investigation was completed in this area by the applicant. He and Chris Allan observed the conditions and agreed that small area within the farm road should be classified as wetland soils. Wetland flags were adjusted and indicated on the survey (revised through September 15). Sheet 5 of the survey was shown on the screen to further indicate to the Agency where the additional wetlands were delineated on the site.

C. Allan, LandTech is present on behalf of the Agency. Allan stated he visited the site on three (3) separate occasions and found that the wetland delineation was substantially correct. Issues related to the wetland soils in the area have been resolved to his satisfaction.

No public comment was received.

Rawn moves, Fratoni seconds, to close the hearing at 6:20 pm. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

J. DeVivo arrived at 6:20 pm.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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C. Cotton arrived at 6:21 pm.

Rawn MOVED, Hall seconds, to amend the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map, Mansfield, CT, pursuant to Section 15.0 of the Mansfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations to reflect the wetland delineation conducted by James McManus, Certified Soil Scientist of JMM Consulting Services, LLC, as revised pursuant to the recommendations of Chris Allan Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Soil Scientist of LandTech on four parcels totaling 62.24 acres located at 497 Middle Turnpike and Cedar Swamp Road (Assessor's Parcel IDs 8.14.14-2, 8.14.14-3, 8.14.14-4, and 8.14.19) depicted on a survey map revised through September 15, 2020. This amendment shall become effective on October 15, 2020.

In approving this amendment, the Inland Wetlands Agency has reviewed and considered all public hearing testimony and communications, including reports the reports submitted by Christopher Allan, Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Soil Scientist and James McManus, Certified Soil Scientist. MOTION PASSED (7-0-2, Cotton and DeVivo are disqualified).

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jillene B. Woodmansee

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